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Date: November 20, 2006

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Docket No.: BIH-001AX

Sir:

In re application of: William Cohn

Entitled: SURGICAL RETRCTOR

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The following checked items are applicable:

[X] This is a Request for Continued Examination under §1.114; authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of same (\$790.00) per §1.17(e).
 [] Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ per §1.116.

[] Small Entity Status is asserted.

[X] A Petition for Extension of Time for 3 month is hereby made under §1.136(a); authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of same (\$1,020.00) per §1.17.

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[X] Other: RCE Letter

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Independent	5 - 5	= 0	x \$200.00 =	0
Total	50 - 50	= 0	x \$ 50.00 =	0
[] Multiple Dependent Claims (1st presentation)			+ \$360.00 =	
SUBTOTAL ADDITIONAL FEES				0
Small Entity filing, divide by 2. Small Entity status must be asserted.				
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEES				0

[X] No additional fee. [] The fee has been calculated above; authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 (\$_____) for the cost of same.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees under §1.16 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0804.

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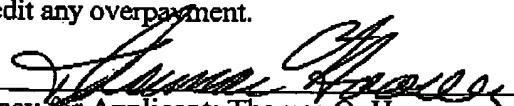
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RCE/Amendment Transmittal and an Amendment.

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